

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 393

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A RESOLUTION To honor and commend Lauren Elise Briggance Simpson for her annual outstanding Girl Scout Cookie sales.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those young persons, through their dedication and hard work, have distinguished themselves as citizens of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Elise Briggance Simpson is most assuredly one such remarkable young person who is richly deserving of this body's commendation; and

WHEREAS, Since 1993, Lauren Simpson has been one of the top sellers of Girl Scout Cookies for Metropolitan Nashville and her service area, which includes Tennessee and part of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, The annual sale of Girl Scout Cookies provides needed funds for innovative Girl Scout programs and Girl Scout camps, including trips and special activities for thousands of girls, the maintenance of Cumberland Valley's 10 campsites, high adventure programs, girls recognition, essential volunteer resources such as the Leader Notebook, and training for hundreds of adult volunteers who serve as mentors, leaders, and role models for girls; and

WHEREAS, An active member of Girl Scout Troop 201 of Cumberland Valley, Lauren Elise Briggance Simpson has served as a Daisy, a Brownie in Troop 1485, and a Junior Girl

Scout; at present, she is serving as a Cadet and expects to receive her "Silver Award" at the end of April, 2001; and

WHEREAS, For selling over 1,000 boxes of cookies she was recognized in 1993, 1994, and 1995, as a top Girl Scout cookie seller; continuing her reign in 1996-2001, she sold in 1996 and 1997 over 1,200 boxes; in 1998 she sold 1,400 boxes; in 1999 she sold 1,500 boxes; and in 2,000 she sold 1,600 boxes of Girl Scout Cookies; setting a goal this year of selling 2001 boxes, she was able to sell 1,800 boxes of Girls Scout Cookies, and

WHEREAS, With her Girl Scout Troop, Lauren Briggance Simpson has generously participated in numerous service projects including visiting nursing homes, cleaning up neighborhoods, and serving at the YMCA Day care; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Briggance Simpson is the daughter of Viveca Briggance Simpson, granddaughter of Fenecia Briggance and Captain Richard Briggance, great-granddaughter of Emma K. Pratt, and sister of Jaquay Simpson and James Simpson; and

WHEREAS, An exemplary student, she attended Ewing Park Middle School and is currently a freshman at Whites Creek High School; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Simpson has displayed tremendous athletic and artistic ability as a talented dancer and cheerleader, performing with the Half-Timers at Ewing Park Middle School, Parks and Recreation, Cheerleader for Little League, and Whites Creek High School Cheerleaders; Lauren was chosen out of over 60 girls to be a Majorette for Whites Creek's Band; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Simpson, a successful and accomplished model, was awarded "Best Runway Model" by Barbizon School of modeling; she has appeared in newspapers, Service Merchandise Catalogues, United Methodist Publishing Company material, commercials, billboards, television and radio programs, movies, and videos; and

WHEREAS, A multi-talented young woman Lauren's interests also include theatre arts and peer leadership; she attended summer activities at Hartman Park and Tennessee State

University, and was awarded a certificate for participating in, and completing, “Growing in Grace,” a leadership program for young people; she will be attending a Young Woman Leadership Seminar at Vanderbilt University in June, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Lauren is an active and devout member of the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, which she serves faithfully by assisting with the youth groups and serving in the Nursery; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Simpson is most grateful for the love and companionship of her family, and also for the support of her friends, neighbors, and community in all her endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Lauren fulfills the promises of the Girl Scout Law, she is “considerate and caring, courageous and strong, ...(and) a sister to every Girl Scout”; and

WHEREAS, In an age where the youth of our country face great challenges, we can proudly state without equivocation that Lauren represents all that is good in our young people today; and

WHEREAS, This legislative body finds it expedient to pause in our deliberations to recognize Lauren Briggance Simpson as one of the most outstanding young people in our State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and recognize Lauren Elise Briggance Simpson for her meritorious service to the Girl Scouts of America, applaud her outstanding Girl Scout Cookie sales, and commend her for her service to her school, church, and community. We also extend to Lauren our best wishes for every future success and happiness.